

# Zion National Park

<https://www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm>

**No ticket, permit, or reservation needed to enter Zion National Park or ride the park shuttle. You do not need a permit or reservation to visit most areas in Zion Canyon.**

- You **do not** need a permit or reservation to ride a [park shuttle](#).
- You **do not** need a permit or reservation to enter the park.
  - You **DO** need to pay the [park fee](#). \$35 for private vehicles.
- You **do not** need a permit to hike [the Narrows](#) from the Temple of Sinawava going upstream in the Virgin River.
- Everyone who hikes from Scout Lookout to Angels Landing **DOES** need a permit.

## Paying for a Park Pass

- If you enter Zion, even if it is to pass through the park, you will need to buy a recreational use pass (park pass). Passes are non-transferable.
- Zion only sells park passes in person, and you can get a pass at any entrance station. Payment using a credit or debit card is preferred. Cash is also accepted.
- After you get your pass, keep it with you and do not lose it. You do not need to display your pass in your vehicle, but you will need to show it if you leave the park and reenter later whether you drive or walk.
  - *This means you will need to bring your park pass if you drive into Zion, leave and park in Springdale, and reenter after walking or [riding a shuttle](#) to the pedestrian & bike entrance at Zion Canyon Village.*
- If you lose or forget your pass, you will have to purchase another one.

## Shuttle Schedule

- You **do not** need a ticket or reservation to ride the park shuttle or enter the park.
- When they run, both shuttles are free to ride. The Zion Canyon Line, or park shuttle, runs from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to destinations including the Zion Lodge and trailheads for hikes to [Angels Landing](#), Emerald Pools, West Rim Trail, and the Narrows.
- The Springdale Line, or town shuttle, provides service in the Town of Springdale. It stops at 9 locations in town and picks up and drops off visitors at the park's pedestrian/bike entrance at Zion Canyon Village.
- During the shuttle season visitors cannot drive personal vehicles on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
- The Zion Canyon Shuttle connects the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to stops on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Shuttles leave every few minutes and go either north or south. You can exit the shuttle at any open stop.

- National Park Service parking lots often fill early in the day. [Paid Parking](#) is available in the town of Springdale. If you leave your car in Springdale, you can ride the free Springdale Line shuttle to enter the park.
- Shuttles arrive about every 15 minutes on the Springdale Line (outside the park) and about every 5-10 minutes on the Zion Canyon Line (inside the park). Shuttles take about 45 minutes to drive between the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Temple of Sinawava. This means a round trip takes about an hour and a half.
- Be mindful of the time you board the shuttle back to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center at the end of the day. You should not wait for the last shuttle of the day. If the last shuttle is full, or if you miss the last shuttle, you may have to walk nine miles back to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

### Zion Canyon Line Shuttle Schedule

	September 18 to November 4
<b>First shuttle leaves the Zion Canyon Visitor Center (Stop 1)</b>	7 a.m.
<b>Last shuttle leaves the Visitor Center to the Temple of Sinawava (Stop 9)</b>	5 p.m.
<b>Last shuttle out of the canyon from the Temple of Sinawava (Stop 9)</b>	7:15 p.m.

### Springdale Line Shuttle Schedule

	September 18 to November 4
<b>First shuttle leaves the Majestic View Lodge (Stop 9)</b>	8 a.m.
<b>Last shuttle leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop 1)</b>	7 p.m.

## Permits

You do not need a permit for many other popular activities in Zion Canyon. These include but are not limited to:

- Hikers going to Scout Lookout **do not** need a permit.
- Visitors using the park shuttle **do not** need a permit or reservation.
- Visitors entering the park **do not** need a reservation but **do** need to pay the [park fee](#).
- Everyone who hikes Angels Landing **DOES** need a permit.
  - There are 2 ways to obtain a permit, Seasonal Lottery & Day-before lottery.

### Seasonal Lottery:

- You can apply for a permit before your trip. You will get to pick **seven ranked days and times or windows of days and times** you want to hike.
- Find the date you plan to be in Zion and use recreation.gov to apply for a permit during your application window.

### When to apply for hikes in 2023

Hike Dates	Lottery Opens 8 a.m. MT	Lottery Closes 11:59 p.m. MT	Permits Issued
September 1 to November 30	July 1	July 20	July 25

Note: It costs \$6 to apply for a seasonal permit. The fee covers an application for up to 6 people (including the person filling out the application). This fee is non-refundable.

### Learning the lottery outcome:

On the days permits are issued, recreation.gov will send you an email that says:

- You got a permit and have been charged \$3 for each person you registered.
  - If you cancel your permit at least two days before your hike, they will refund the \$3 per person fee.
  - You can get your permit by logging in to your account on recreation.gov

**or**

- You did not get a permit and can consider applying again the day before your hike

### Day-before lottery:

- This lottery opens every day at 12:01 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. Mountain Time (MT).
- Apply on the day before you want to hike between 12:01 a.m. and 3 p.m. MT.
- For example: If you want to hike on a Tuesday, you need to apply between 12:01 a.m. and 3 p.m. MT on Monday, permits are issued at 4 p.m. MT on Monday.
- At 4 p.m. MT on the day you apply, we will send you an email to let you know:
  - You got a permit and have been charged \$3 per person you registered.
  - This fee is not refundable.
  - You can get your permit by logging in to your account on recreation.gov
- It costs \$6 to apply for a permit. The fee covers an application for up to 6 people (including the person filling out the application). This fee is non-refundable.

**After you get your permit:**

You will get an email from recreation.gov confirming that you got a permit. This confirmation email serves as your permit. Print or download a copy of the confirmation email and bring it with you on your hike. Mobile phone service is unreliable at the permit checkpoint so be sure to print or download before you arrive.

**Things to Do in Zion National Park:**

[https://travel.usnews.com/Zion\\_National\\_Park\\_UT/Things\\_To\\_Do/](https://travel.usnews.com/Zion_National_Park_UT/Things_To_Do/)

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g143057-Activities-Zion\\_National\\_Park\\_Utah.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g143057-Activities-Zion_National_Park_Utah.html)

<https://www.earthtrekkers.com/zion-national-park-itinerary/>

**Things to Do in Kanab, Utah:**

<https://www.visitutah.com/articles/15-must-do-adventures-in-kanab>

<https://www.divergenttravelers.com/kanab-utah-things-to-do/>

<https://www.visitutah.com/places-to-go/cities-and-towns/kanab>

**More nearby attractions:****[Red Cliffs Desert Reserve](#)**

Free - unless entering areas managed by Utah State Parks - 435-301-7430

Museum (currently closed), several hiking trails, and mountain bike trails. Drinking water is unavailable in most of the reserve. Carry water at all times.

- Distance: Multiple regions and entry points. Please visit Red Cliffs Desert Reserve website for more information.

**[Silver Reef Museum and Ghost Town](#)**

Entry fee required - 435-879-2254

Museum and walking tour of silver mining town founded in 1870. Check online to see current hours and special events.

- About 15 miles from Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.
- About 30 miles from Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

### [Red Cliffs National Recreation Area](#)

Day use fee or use your [Interagency Annual Pass](#) - 435-688-3200

Located with the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area (RCNRA), the RCNRA has miles of hiking trails, mountain biking and horse trails, camping (fees apply), and picnic areas.

- About 30 miles from Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.
- About 50 miles from Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

### [Quail Creek State Park](#)

Utah State Park Entrance Fee - 435-879-2378

Boating, camping (fees apply), picnic areas, and other activities.

- About 25 miles from Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.
- About 30 miles from Zion Canyon Visitor Center

### [Sand Hollow State Park](#)

Utah State Park Entrance Fee - 435-680-0715

Boating, camping (fees apply), picnic areas, and other activities.

- About 30 miles from Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.
- About 30 miles from Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

### [Red Hills Desert Garden](#)

Free - 435-673-3617

5-acre interpretative garden with a stream stocked with native and endangered fish species. Check online for hours of operation and special events.

- About 30 miles from Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.
- About 45 miles from Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

### [Snow Canyon State Park](#)

Utah State Park Entrance Fee - 435-628-2255

Scenic Drive, hiking trails, and a paved bike trail.

- About 50 miles from Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.
- About 55 miles from Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

## [Gunlock Reservoir](#)

Utah State Park Entrance Fee- 435-218-6544

Boating, Kayak rentals, social trails around reservoir

- About 55 miles from Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.
- About 65 miles from Zion Canyons Visitor Center.